RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI: The number of college students admitted is 22. A statement* showing the respective classes in which they study is laid on the table.

Land at Neendakara for military purposes.

171. * **Mr. R. MADHAVAN NAIR** (*Karunagapalli* cum *Kartikapalli*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether any land has been acquired at Neendakara for military purposes;

(*b*) the date of such acquisition; and

(*c*) whether any compensation has been awarded and paid to the owners?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI: (*a*) to (*c*) It is not in the public interest to disclose information regarding acquisition of land for military purposes.

MR. R. MADHAVAN NAIR: ഈ കാര്യം മുമ്പുകാര്യം സംബന്ധിച്ചായതുകൊണ്ട് മറുപടി താൻ സായിക്കുകയില്ലെന്നാണ് പറഞ്ഞിരിക്കുന്നത്. എന്നാൽ അങ്ങനെ ഭൂമി എടുത്തിട്ടുള്ള ആളുകൾക്ക് ഇതു നിമിത്തം കൂടുതൽ കൊടുത്തുവെന്നുള്ള വിവരം അറിയാമോ?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI: അതിനെ വേണ്ട നടപടികൾ നടന്നിവരുന്നുണ്ട്.

Paddy cultivation.

172. * **Mr. K. R. NARAYANAN** (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) generally whether there is any possibility in Travancore for extending the acreage of paddy cultivation by reclaiming the shallow places near the shores of backwaters;

(*b*) if so, the acreage that could thus be reclaimed; and

(*c*) the probable amount required therefor?

Mr. K. SUBRAMONIA PILLAI (*Director of Agriculture*): (*a*) & (*b*) The whole matter is under the consideration of the Post-war Reconstruction Committee.

(*c*) Provision has been made in the Budget for 1120 for investigating the matter.

Mr. V. GANGADHARAN NAIR (*Quilon* cum *Kottarakara*): May I know the names of the members of the Committee?

Mr. K. SUBRAMONIA PILLAI: The Chief Engineer, the Director of Industries, The Director of Agriculture, the Electrical Engineer and Messrs. Baker and S. Krishna Aiyar.

Production of food crops.

173. * **Mr. K. A. MATHEW** (*Tiruvalla*): Will the Government be pleased to state what special measures they have taken in Tiruvalla taluk to stimulate production of food crops, especially paddy, in view of the situation that the paddy at present grown in that taluk is barely enough to suffice for about 4½ months in the year?

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MR. K. SUBRAMONIA PILLAI: As an aid to the 'Grow More Food Campaign' a departmental manure depot at Tiruvalla and an agency manure depot at Chengannur have been opened for the supply of manures like groundnut oil cake, bone-meal, ammonium sulphate, ammonium phosphate etc. to the ryots on cash terms as well as on credit on crop loan basis.

2. Vigorous propaganda is being carried on by the officers of the department among the rural population to increase the area under paddy.

3. Cultural demonstrations are being conducted for increasing the yield of paddy by better cultivation, selected seed and scientific manuring.

MR. K. A. MATHEW: May I know from the Director of Agriculture the price of manure in the Government Depot?

MR. K. SUBRAMONIA PILLAI: There are different kinds of manure.

MR. K. A. MATHEW: I want to know the price of ground-nut oil cakes.

MR. K. SUBRAMONIA PILLAI: It is Rs. 8 23 chs. per cwt.

MR. K. A. MATHEW: May I know whether the member can enlighten us as to what the price of it is outside Government depots?

MR. K. SUBRAMONIA PILLAI: They are under-selling the manure at present.

MR. K. A. MATHEW: I want to know the price of that?

MR. K. SUBRAMONIA PILLAI: Rs. 7-8-0.

MR. K. A. MATHEW: May I know how this disparity is due to?

MR. K. SUBRAMONIA PILLAI: That is due to under-selling.

MR. CHAZHIKKATTU JOSEPH (*Minachil cum Todupuzha*): സർ, "Vigorous propaganda is being carried on by the officers of the department among the rural population to increase the area under paddy" എന്ന മറുപടി കൊടുത്തിരിക്കുന്നു. വിഗിറസ് പ്രൊപഗൻറാ എന്താണ്? അത് ആരാണ് ചെയ്യുന്നത്?

MR. K. SUBRAMONIA PILLAI: "ഗ്രോ മോർ ഫുഡ്" സെക്കറിച്ച് പ്രസംഗിക്കുകയാണ്, വിഗിറസ് പ്രൊപഗൻറാ. അത് ചെയ്യുന്നത് ഡെമാൺസ്ട്രേറ്റേഴ്സ്, ഇൻസ്പെക്ടേഴ്സ് ഇവർ ആണ്.

MR. CHAZHIKKATTU JOSEPH: അങ്ങനെ ഏതെല്ലാം സ്ഥലത്ത് പ്രസംഗിച്ചു?

MR. K. SUBRAMONIA PILLAI: പല സ്ഥലത്തും പ്രസംഗിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ട്.

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MR. CHAZHIKKATTU JOSEPH : വിഗാസ് പ്രാപഗൻറാ എന്താണ്?

MR. K. SUBRAMONIA PILLAI : ഉൽപ്പാദനപടികം ഗ്രോ മോർ ഫുഡിനെ സംബന്ധിച്ചിടത്തോളം ചെയ്യുക എന്നതാണ്.

MR. CHAZHIKKATTU JOSEPH : അതിൽ എന്തോന്നാണ് വിഗാസ്സായിട്ടുള്ളത്?

MR. K. SUBRAMONIA PILLAI : അത് പല സ്ഥലത്തുംചെന്ന് കൃഷിക്കാര്യത്തെ സംബന്ധിച്ച ലക്ചർ ചെയ്ക, കൃഷിക്കാരെക്കണ്ട് വേണ്ട ഉപദേശം കൊടുക്കുക, കൃഷിചെയ്യ കാണിച്ചുകൊടുക്കുക ഇവയാണ്.

MR. CHAZHIKKATTU JOSEPH : അങ്ങനെ ഏതെല്ലാം സ്ഥലത്തു പോയി ലക്ചർ ചെയ്തിട്ടുണ്ട്?

MR. K. SUBRAMONIA PILLAI : മിക്ക സ്ഥലത്തും പോയിട്ടുണ്ട്.

MR. CHAZHIKKATTU JOSEPH : രണ്ടു സ്ഥലങ്ങളുടെ പേര് പറയാമോ?

MR. K. SUBRAMONIA PILLAI : തിരുവല്ലായിൽ പോയിട്ടുണ്ട്, ചെങ്ങന്നൂരിൽ പോയിട്ടുണ്ട്.

MR. CHAZHIKKATTU JOSEPH : തൊടുപുഴ പോയിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

MR. K. SUBRAMONIA PILLAI : പോയിട്ടില്ല.

MR. CHAZHIKKATTU JOSEPH : അവിടെമാത്രം പൊകാതിരിക്കാൻ വല്ല കാരണവുമുണ്ടോ? അവിടെ അതിനുവേണ്ട ഉദ്യോഗസ്ഥന്മാരെ നിയമിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

MR. K. SUBRAMONIA PILLAI : നിയമിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ട്.

MR. P. M. VARGHESE : പൊതുയോഗങ്ങൾ വിളിച്ചുകൂട്ടി ഇങ്ങനെയൊരു ഡിപ്പാർട്ട്മെൻറ് ഉണ്ടെന്നുള്ള വിവരം ജനങ്ങളെ അറിയിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

MR. K. SUBRAMONIA PILLAI : എല്ലാവക്കും അറിയാം.

PRESIDENT : The honourable member must realise that the thirst for information must be limited both in quantum and quality. Generally supplementary questions are allowed in order to enable members to get enlightened on points more fully. But the opportunity for supplemental questions should not be converted into one for cross-examining the members. The honourable member being a member of the Bar, I believe, must be aware of that.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI : Has it ever come to the notice of Government that some people do not cultivate lands out of poverty and inability to get manure from the Department?

MR. K. SUBRAMONIA PILLAI : There are some such cases.

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MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI : Will the member take it from me that, as a matter of fact, the people do not possess money to buy manure, and therefore will the Government consider the advisability of lending manure on credit for agricultural purposes ?

MR. K. SUBRAMONIA PILLAI : We are lending manure to whomsoever that applies for the same on loan.

PRESIDENT : What happens is, if a farmer is unable to pay for manure, Government have ordered the lending of manure to the person concerned. The money is recouped from the crop in course of time. I think that is the general rule and it is in force.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla*) : The answer specifically states that manure is being lent to the ryots on cash terms as well as on credit on crop loan basis.

MR. K. A. MATHEW : Sir, with reference to the answer to part 3, of the question, may I know what those cultural demonstrations are ?

MR. K. SUBRAMONIA PILLAI : Demonstrating the possibilities of increasing the yield by the use of improved methods of cultivation, by applying scientific manure and using selected seeds are instances in point.

MR. V. S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Tovala* cum *Agastisvaram*) : May I know whether Government supply selected seeds to agriculturists ?

MR. K. SUBRAMONIA PILLAI : Yes, Sir.

MR. V. S. KRISHNA PILLAI : May I know what is the price of that per para ?

MR. K. SUBRAMONIA PILLAI : It is given in exchange for paddy, also with 1/8 extra.

MR. E. K. MADHAVAN (*Kunnatnad* cum *Parur*) : May I know from the member whether he has done anything for the betterment of the *Takali* crop in Parur taluk ?

MR. K. SUBRAMONIA PILLAI : Trials are being made towards improving the crop.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI : Will the Government believe me when I say that as a matter of fact the practice of lending manure to poor ryots is not being resorted to at present ?

MR. K. SUBRAMONIA PILLAI : The people who come to us for that are being supplied.

MR. E. K. MADHAVAN : May I know whether the member will be pleased to look into the present condition of the crop referred to in Parur ?

MR. K. SUBRAMONIA PILLAI : Yes, Sir.

PRESIDENT : If an honourable member has put a question and wants to renew it, he must immediately catch my eye. Once he loses that opportunity, he cannot ask questions again.

MR. P. O. THOMAS : May I know, how many manure depots the department has opened at Parur ?

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MR. K. SUBRAMONIA PILLAI: We have not opened any depot, but there is one at Alwaye from where manures are transported to Parur when the need arises.

MR. K. T. MICHAEL: May I know, whether the member has realised the need for a manure depot in Changanacherry ?

MR. K. SUBRAMONIA PILLAI; We are considering about it and one will be opened shortly.

MR. K. BALAKRISHNA MENON (*Kunnatnad* cum *Parur*); May I know whether the people are aware of the fact that there is a department like this ?

MR. K. SUBRAMONIA PILLAI; People all over the country are aware of such a department ?

Difficulties of the cultivator in North Travancore.

174. ❋ **MR. P. O. THOMAS:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they are aware of the great difficulties of the cultivator in North Travancore to get down plough cattle from British territory and Cochin State; and

(*b*) what the Government have done to help the cultivators in this matter ?

MR. K. SUBRAMONIA PILLAI: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Government have moved the authorities concerned to remove the restriction on the export of cattle to Travancore. As a result of representations made, a Joint Board, on which the Travancore Government also will be represented, will consider the question shortly.

MR. P. O. THOMAS: May I know when the Government moved in this matter first ?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI: More than 8 months ago.

MR. P. O. THOMAS: May I know who are the members of the Joint Board ?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI: The question is under consideration and there is correspondence in the matter between the Governments of Madras, Travancore, Cochin and Mysore.

MR. P. O. THOMAS: May I know when the remedy could normally be expected ?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI: Shortly.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: Will there be great publicity given in the matter of plough cattle in the State ?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI: Absolutely so.

Paddy produced in 1118 and 1119.

175. ❋ **MR. T. T. KESAVAN SASTRI:** Will the Government be pleased to state the amount of paddy produced in 1118 and 1119 from the reserves assigned on Kuthakapattom ?

RAO BAHADUR T. V. VENKATESWARA AIYAR (*Conservator of Forests*): Paddy cultivation in the reserves began towards the close of 1118 and the crop was harvested in 1119. The total quantity of paddy produced was 56,840 paras.

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